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Letter dated 17 May 1994 from the representatives of Ukraine and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit to you the text of the joint statement issued by the Vice-President of the United States of America and the Vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine on 13 May 1994 in Washington.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under item 64 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE VICE-PRIME MINISTER OF UKRAINE AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DATED 13 MAY 1994

The United States and Ukraine reaffirm their commitment to building a relationship based on partnership and mutual trust and respect between their two countries and to continuing to build a new relationship in security and defence matters that reflects the end of the cold war. In this regard, the United States and Ukraine recognize the importance of fulfilling their obligations under the START Treaty and the Lisbon Protocol, the January 1994 trilateral statement and the bilateral commitments these two countries have made to each other regarding the elimination of strategic offensive arms and assistance to be provided for this purpose.

Ukraine welcomes the United States progress in reducing strategic offensive arms. As the first step towards meeting the reductions required by the START Treaty, the United States has already removed over 3,500 nuclear warheads from over 780 intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles. Within the next few months, all warheads will have been taken off United States ballistic missiles whose launchers will be eliminated under this Treaty. Ukraine also notes with satisfaction that, as a reflection of the improved international security environment, by 30 May United States strategic ballistic missiles will no longer be targeted on Ukraine or any other country.

The United States strongly supports the Verkhovna Rada's and President Kravchuk's commitment that Ukraine accede to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear-weapon State in the shortest possible time, and underscores its willingness to assist in helping Ukraine to eliminate strategic offensive arms located in Ukraine. The United States welcomes the progress in the process of deactivation of missiles on Ukrainian territory, and in accordance with the trilateral statement, 180 nuclear warheads have been transferred from Ukraine to the Russian Federation for dismantlement. The United States also welcomes the beginning of the process of delivery from the Russian Federation of fuel assemblies for nuclear power plants in Ukraine, in accordance with the trilateral statement.